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INDUSTRIAL SUBCONTRACTING AND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two day Conference was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry and United Nations Industrial Development Organization in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a new project to support the development of industrial subcontracting and Partnership (SPX) programme in electronics, computer software and telecommunication is ready;

(d) if so, whether any review of progress of SPX programme was made since its establishment in 1998 in India;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the benefits so far derived to Indian industry from the SPX; and
(g) the number of States where this SPX programme is in operation and number of States where this programme is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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(a) & (b) The 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Indian Subcontracting Partnership and Exchange (SPX) Network was held on 17th February, 2001 in the premises of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi.This was followed by a one day seminar on 18th February, 2001. The progress of the project was reviewed including discussions on the requirements of SPX Network, of an India Web Portal and Trust.

(c) to (g) The Government has not yet received the project proposal for an SPX programme in electronics, computer software and telecommunication from UNIDO.The progress of the SPX project is reviewed periodically by the Steering Committee constituted for this purpose. The SPX programme helps Indian small and medium scale manufacturers market their industrial products and services in National and Global markets by identifying and meeting the needs of domestic and overseas partners by providing links to some 50 SPXs established world wide.The SPX programme is in operation in New Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and PuneUNIDO is likely to launch two more SPX in Hyderabad and Ludiana.